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April 10, 2012

## ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

19 April 10, 2012

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS  
TO EXECUTE A FUNDING AGREEMENT  
FOR THE DASH BOYLE HEIGHTS/EAST LOS ANGELES TRANSIT SERVICE  
WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
COUNTY UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF EAST LOS ANGELES  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)  
(3 VOTES)**

### SUBJECT

This action is to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute a funding agreement with the City of Los Angeles for the DASH Boyle Heights/East Los Angeles Transit Service in the County unincorporated community of East Los Angeles.

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find that the DASH Boyle Heights/East Los Angeles Transit Service is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to negotiate and execute a funding agreement with the City of Los Angeles for the DASH Boyle Heights/East Los Angeles Transit Service for the amount of \$239,000 for the period from May 10, 2012, through September 10, 2013; \$205,000 for September 11, 2013, through September 10, 2014; \$233,000 for September 11, 2014, through September 10, 2015; and \$150,000 for September 11, 2015, through March 26, 2016.

3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to annually increase the contract amount up to an additional 10 percent of the annual contract sum for fuel cost increases and unforeseen, additional work within the scope of the contract, if required.
4. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to approve and execute amendments to incorporate necessary changes within the scope of work, if required.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The funding agreement to be executed by the Director of Public Works or her designee is required to continue the operation of the DASH Boyle Heights/East Los Angeles Transit Service (Service) in the County of Los Angeles (County) unincorporated community of East Los Angeles. The County has cooperatively funded this Service with the City of Los Angeles (City) since March 2007.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). This Service improves mobility for transit-dependent patrons and improves their quality of life. By continuing to jointly fund this Service with the City, transit services are provided to County residents in a responsive and cost effective manner.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

For the contract period of May 10, 2012, through March 26, 2016, the total estimated cost of the Service less farebox revenue is \$3,323,000 of which approximately \$1,669,000 will be offset by Formula Allocation Procedure funds. Formula Allocation Procedure funds include State Transportation Assistance, Transportation Development Act, Federal Section 5307, and Proposition A funds and are provided by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) to transit operators eligible for these funds. The City and County will each finance 50 percent of the remaining \$1,654,000, for a total estimated County contribution of \$827,000.

The necessary funds are available in the First Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program included in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Transit Enterprise

Fund Budget. Funds to finance the operating costs for Fiscal Years 2012-13 through 2015-16 will be included in the annual budget process.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

In March 2007, LACMTA discontinued Metro Line No. 255, which provided a direct connection between the East Los Angeles Doctor's Hospital and the County's University of Southern California Medical Center. The City extended the existing DASH Boyle Heights route to Whittier Boulevard in East Los Angeles to replace the cancelled line. The extended Service enables East Los Angeles residents to reach community destinations by providing connections to regional transit lines and the County's El Sol Shuttle Service.

On March 13, 2007, your Board approved Agreement No. 001818 (from March 18, 2007, through March 17, 2009) for the County to contribute up to \$210,000 annually to the City to finance the County's share of the operating costs for the expanded service into East Los Angeles. Based on route mileage within each jurisdiction, the County's share is 50 percent of the net operating cost.

On December 16, 2008, your Board approved an amendment to Agreement No. 001818 to approve additional funding and to extend the agreement through May 9, 2011. Additional funding was required because of increased hourly rates resulting from a new contract the City entered into with MV Transportation, Inc.

On April 11, 2011, your Board approved Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 001818 to extend the agreement term on a month-to-month basis through May 9, 2012. The extension allowed the County and the City to continue the Service while the City entered into a new contract with MV Transportation, Inc. The City's new contract with MV Transportation, Inc., is for a 54-month period. The new hourly rates are \$71.82 the first year, commencing September 11, 2011; \$68.40 the second year, commencing September 11, 2012; \$70.18 the third year, commencing September 11, 2013; \$71.60 the fourth year, commencing September 11, 2014; and \$73.80 the fifth year, commencing September 11, 2015. The hourly rates do not include fuel costs and are the result of the competitive bidding process carried out by the City. The funding agreement will provide funding for the County's share of the service through March 26, 2016, for an estimated total of \$827,000, which includes \$327,200 for fuel costs.

Upon approval, the City will be notified of our intent to continue contributing toward the operating costs for the Service. The funding agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel prior to execution by the Director of Public Works or her designee.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This Service is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 21080 (b)(10) of the Public Resources Code. This exemption provides for the implementation of passenger or commuter transit services.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This action will allow the County to continue to participate with the City to finance the operation of the Service in the County unincorporated community of East Los Angeles.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director of Public Works

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office